PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Docket No: Q95279

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For: METHOD FOR THREE-DIMENSIONAL CARTILAGE TISSUE ENGINEERING

USING BONE MARROW CELLS IN SIMULATED MICROGRAVITY

ENVIRONMENT

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of October 13, 2009 to February 13, 2010.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of \$130.00 and all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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